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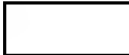
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Comment on:

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In voicing support of Bulganin's letter to President Eisenhower, Chinese Communist premier Chou En-lai has called for a Far Eastern conference of Asian countries "to settle" the Korean question, for the reconvening of the Geneva conference on Indochina "to ensure" implementation of the agreements on Vietnam, and for a "collective peace pact" of all Pacific powers, including the United States, to replace "antagonistic military blocs."

Following so closely Bulganin's proposal for a friendship pact with the US, Chou En-lai's appeal is apparently designed to establish a propaganda initiative.

Chou's statement contained no such veiled threat as Peiping's declaration of 24 January that the US "must bear the consequences" if it persists in "dragging out" the ambassadorial talks at Geneva. He declared, however, that the Chinese people had a patriotic duty to prepare for Taiwan's "liberation by means of war if necessary," although they should strive to take it by "peaceful means."

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Comment on:

Pakistan's coalition government composed of the Moslem League and the United Front might fall as a result of the reported reunion of the United Front with the opposition Awami League on the issue of increased power for East Pakistan under the new constitution.

The Awami League has been leading the drive against the proposed constitution. The United Front, fearful of losing support in East Pakistan, where the terms of the proposed constitution are unpopular, may now be prepared to join in a common effort against the present draft.

Both parties working together could probably force the Moslem League either to leave the government or to rule by decree.

The Awami League and the front are unlikely, however, to force the issue except as a last resort. They realize that the Moslem League, backed by the civil and military services, would be reluctant to relinquish control to a coalition based on East Pakistan.

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